

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on May 3, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-17 and 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,123,813 to Inoue and rejected claims 5, 13 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Inoue in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,991,498 to Young.

In response, Applicant has amended claims 1, 9 and 17. No new matter has been added.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 9 and 17 to include recitation of the playback of a program to be simultaneous with the recording of the program. This is one feature of the claimed limitation of “live-pause.” This feature is not taught by Inoue in column 2, lines 8-12. This is because one of the recording mediums Inoue uses is a video cassette recorder (VCR). See Fig. 1, elements 105 and 106. A VCR can only perform one operation at a time. That is, a VCR can only record content or playback content. It cannot record and playback content simultaneously as presently claimed.

Any claims not specifically mentioned above are allowable due to their dependence on an allowed base claim.

CONCLUSION

No fees are due for this response. However, the Office is authorized to charge any additional fees or underpayments of fees (including fees for petitions for extensions of time) under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 to account number 502117. Any overpayments should be credited to the same account.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application, withdrawal of the rejections made in the last Office Action and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. The Applicant's representative can be reached at the below telephone number if the Examiner has any questions.

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